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HARDING
U N I V E R S I T Y

SA studies food quality

by Doug Henneman

The following reports deal with actions taken by Student Association-appointed committees during the past three weeks concerning food quality, cafeteria service and the fairness of the present meal ticket system; quality and purpose of chapel programs; and the possibility of establishing a \$50 scholarship each per year for the cheerleaders. Other S.A. business follows the reports on the committees.

A liason committee of students, cafeteria personnel and administrators is being formed to discuss grievances and make suggestions concerning the college's food service.

The committee is the result of a month-long investigation by a special committee established by the Student Association Executive Council which was prompted by a student's charge that "the high standards of the college are not reflected in the food services."

The committee is composed of two to three students from each cafeteria, cafeteria managers Dadie Warren from Patti Cobb and William Curry of American Heritage and Lott Tucker, vice-president in charge of finance.

Susan Brady, junior women's representative and head of the special investigating committee, said the liason group would possibly meet together once a month and that each individual cafeteria group would meet once each week.

Miss Brady said a major concern of the investigating committee had been the cafeteria's profit margin. They learned, however, that price changes could only be effected by the Board of Directors, according to Tucker.

The committee also investigated the use of partial meal tickets based on a study on the

program at Abilene Christian University which has been in use for many years. Tickets would be issued on a 10, 15 and 20 meal program and would be determined by fixing set prices on each food item.

The committee also made a few specific recommendations including a late Saturday breakfast, quick lunches of sandwiches, soup and ice cream and an earlier opening time on Wednesday to allow more students to attend first service at the College Church of Christ.

A chapel committee last week sent to Dr. Ganus and Dr. Pryor suggestions recommended by the council on improving the college's daily chapel. Inquiry had centered on ways to improve the devotional part of the meeting and make it more meaningful.

Junior men's representative Allan Tomme called the word "chapel" a misnomer and said it should be referred to as a school assembly, since it served as a means to relay information to students and to provide extracurricular programs. A recommendation to encourage the screening of announcements was voted down.

The recommendations that were sent included placing the devotional, where possible, at the beginning, preceded by singing as students filed in. Also suggested were placing announcements last, especially on days of unusual and-or funny announcements, except that those requesting prayer be mentioned before the devotional.

The list asked for more faculty and student speakers and commended the administration on its variety of programs.

Approximately \$250 will be added to the funds available for use by the cheerleaders as a result of a special committee

appointed by the S.A. after the cheerleaders revealed that many of their activities were paid for out of their own pockets.

In addition to the \$1,200 allotted by the school for travel and uniforms, the council will budget \$50 per year for "paint, paper, and other decorative materials used in advertising the Bison sports activities," according to recommendations passed by the council on Nov. 29.

The committee also suggested that each cheerleader be given a \$50 scholarship each year, and that the Bison Booster provide \$150 each year for use in "activities designed to boost spirit and moral among participants in Bison sports activities."

The S.A. executive council agreed to lend their name and, if necessary, their support to an orphan fund-raising project held in conjunction with the Winter Festival on Feb. 3.

Jerry Morgan, a member of the basketball team, asked the council at Tuesday's meeting to support the effort, which is sponsored by the team and Gata social club.

Morgan said in the past that only about \$100 has been raised and that this year a goal of between \$500-\$1,000 is set. He said that with a projected attendance

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A committee of students, cafeteria managers and college administrator Lott Tucker is being formed by the S.A. to meet regularly and discuss grievances and make suggestions concerning the cafeteria services, following recent complaints by students of the food quality and the meal ticket systems.



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HARDING COLLEGE, SEARCY, ARK.

DECEMBER 10, 1976

John Gipson chosen as graduation speaker

The speaker for the December graduation ceremonies will be John D. Gipson, preacher for the Sixth and Izard Church of Christ in Little Rock.

A native of Odessa, Texas, Gipson began preaching fulltime during his senior year at Abilene Christian University in 1953. He worked with churches in Sherman, Odessa, Lamesa, and Fort Worth, Texas before going to Sixth and Izard in 1968.

He has lectured in several

'Resurrection Power' theme of Youth Forum on campus April 8-9

Harding's annual Youth Forum is to be held Easter weekend, April 8 and 9. This year's theme is "Resurrection Power."

Two days of activities planned for the visitors will include tours, talking to counsellors, registration in the American Heritage lobby, performances by student musical groups Time of Day, Belles and Beaux and Spring Sing. The format for this year will be the same as last spring.

Terry Smith, assistant minister of the College Church of Christ, will speak in three sessions at the new physical education complex on the campus. Exact times will be announced later this semester.

The admissions office will be open 24 hours a day during the weekend. They encourage visitors to make advance arrangements for housing with friends on campus or to wait and go through the admissions office after arriving. Visitors should bring their own sleeping bags and will be responsible for their meals.

Christian College lectureships including ACU, George Pepperdine University, Lubbock Christian College, Oklahoma Christian College, Fort Worth Christian College, David Lipscomb College, Harding College and Harding Graduate School.

He is co-author of two books: *Happiness... Day and Night* and *Paths to Peace*, as well as being staff writer for several brotherhood papers, including *20th Century Christian*.

In 1971 he received the Best Church Bulletin award and in 1976 the Christian Journalism award from the 20th Century Christian. He is listed in *Who's Who in Religion*, *Dictionary of International Biography*, *Personalities of the South* and *Contemporary Authors*.

Gipson conducts six meetings per year and a weekly television program. He has served as a member of the Medical Committee of the Arkansas Kidney Foundation and on the Board of Trustees for Fort Worth Christian College.

Gipson and his wife, the former Beth Sirman, have one son and two daughters.

Graduation ceremonies will be Friday, Dec. 17, at 10:00 a.m.

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A sense of excitement can be felt around campus as everyone prepares for Christmas and a break from school. And of course, Christmas wouldn't be complete without a Christmas tree, such as this one on the front lawn, which was decorated by members of the Student Association.

Opinion... opinion... opinion... opinion... opinion... opinion... opinion...



Guest opinion policy

The BISON encourages letters to the editor, essays, book, movie, and other literary reviews, guest opinions and relevant comments dealing with campus, community, state or national issues.

Any material should be submitted by noon Tuesday to the editor's office or noon Monday to box 1192, campus mail, and should be typed (double-spaced).

We reserve the right to edit the

length of letters or other material to meet space requirements. All letters or opinions must be signed; however, the name will be withheld upon request to the editor.

We cannot accept material that is libelous, or which is intended to be a personal attack on individuals or organizations. Criticism or accusations must be valid and factual, and must be in good taste.

Feedback...

Concerned student focuses comments on chapel program

Of the many facets of Harding which directly or indirectly influence our lives, let us focus on one facet in particular — chapel.

Ideally, the student body meets together daily in an act of devotion. It is frequently very difficult to change one's frame of mind from a pep rally to a song and "let us pray."

Certain aspects of the jumble are inevitable. Granted, it is the only available time for announcements to get to the students yet it seems we often "miss the forest for the trees."

Would it not be plausible to post announcements at designated areas on campus? It would allow interested students to read announcements for themselves, which many do even now because they can't hear them being read.

May I also ask what is the intended educational impetus of chapel programs specifically? Is it more than just a catch-all for whoever happens to be in town lecturing for a seminar? There are many Harding professors who would jump at the chance to make a presentation. One in particular that comes to mind is Dr. Wyatt Jones. Recently in class, he mentioned in passing his desire to speak in chapel. It is a sad comment that the best are often bypassed. I feel there are many teachers who could give us the intended spark that chapel programs originally were meant to give.

Hopefully this article will serve as a catalyst for constructive thought and remark in regard to chapel.

Sitting in chapel, there are times when I wonder if the almost-mock devotions are distasteful to God. It makes me afraid.

Sincerely,
A concerned student

Disorderly visitors lack maturity, respect for Harding

Dear Editor,

Last weekend if a visitor unaware of the event taking place walked into the American Heritage building, he would have thought he was walking into a smoke-filled zoo. The guests from various high schools were like a bunch of apes trying to break out of a cage. Not only was the Heritage rampaged, the Student Center and bowling alley were also stricken with the plague. For those who were unaware of the situation, Harding hosted high schools for a speech-debate tournament then.

I have written this not to say that Harding should not host schools for various functions but that they should make it clear to the guests that they should have as much respect for Harding as the students who attend do. If they are not mature enough to respect the college, then they should not be asked back.

Respectfully,
David Barnett

Reader supports Bison team efforts

Dear Editor,

So what if the score was 22 to 12. I'm glad I support the Bisons!

Sincerely,
Diane Morey

Improvements sought for cafeteria service

For all of you who sometimes feel you're being ripped off when you pay for a whole meal ticket and then only use half of it, or if you sometimes consider the food to be a lower quality than it should be, help may be on the way.

Upon this complaint by a student at a recent Student Association meeting, the S.A. Executive Committee acted by forming a special committee to investigate the charges made, talking with cafeteria managers and Lott Tucker, who determines and oversees the budget framework for the cafeterias.

These problems are especially valid because the cafeterias, like the Bookstore and College Inn, operate on a profit basis. Although the profit margin is probably not large, the exact figures have not been disclosed by Mr. Tucker, but he did say that the Board of Directors would have to approve giving out this information. Any price changes would also have to be approved and effected by the Board.

On the quality of the food, there is obviously no way the cooks can prepare three gourmet meals a day when they are cooking for almost 2,500 people. However, the students deserve the highest quality the situation allows, and I hope we can see some improvement.

I especially hope that some form of partial meal tickets can be introduced here. Abilene Christian University has successfully used such a program for many years. This would especially help the non-married students living in apartments on campus, as well as many who live in the dorms.

I hope that this issue will be the pet project of the Student Association next year, and that we can work with the administration to bring about some improvement.

The administration, I believe, wants to be as fair to us as possible, and has proved this in the past by making the necessary changes and meeting the issues head on. After all, what would Harding College be if it were any other way?

Randy Kemp

Senator Walmsley praises Harding's athletic program

Dear President Ganus:

It was a distinct honor for me to have the pleasure of presenting to the Legislative Council the enclosed Interim Resolution 75-66, commending Harding College and the students of Harding College for the outstanding athletic program maintained at the College throughout the years, and to especially note that the Harding College Football Team, during the 1976 football season, tied for the A.I.C. Football Championship. The Resolution was submitted to the Legislative Council by me on Tuesday, November 23 and was unanimously adopted by the Council.

Again, may I extend my congratulations to the Football Team and the Student Body of Harding College for their outstanding efforts which led not only to the accomplishments of this year, but also the outstanding record of accomplishments during prior years.

Very truly yours,
Senator Bill Walmsley

Interim Resolution 75-66

COMMENDING HARDING COLLEGE FOR ITS OUTSTANDING ATHLETIC PROGRAM AND EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO THE STUDENTS AT HARDING FOR THEIR SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATION IN THE SCHOOL ATHLETIC PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, Harding College has throughout the years maintained an outstanding athletic program designed to instill in students a keen sense of competitiveness, sportsmanship and fair play; and

WHEREAS, a sense of competitiveness and fair play is an essential ingredient in the proper growth and development of the intellectual capacity of young people and is necessary for success in any field of endeavor; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the outstanding athletic program of Harding College, and the unusual athletic ability and the admirable sportsmanship displayed by the members of the Harding College football team during the 1976 football season, the team tied for the 1976 AIC football championship and since the Harding team defeated the tying team in seasonal play, it will compete in a post-season bowl game; and

WHEREAS, Harding College is deserving of public acclaim and commendation for its outstanding athletic program, and the Harding football team as well as all Harding students who participate in and who support the very successful athletic program at Harding College, should be given public recognition for their part in making the athletic program a most successful one,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

That the Legislative Council and the individual members of the Council hereby commend Harding College and the students of Harding College for the outstanding athletic program maintained at the College throughout the years.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill H. Walmsley
Senator, District 22

Filed: November 23, 1976

Fifth Column
Column reveals
mailbag's comments

by Steve Leavell

From time to time we at Fifth Column receive mail which might not be appropriate for publication in the Bison's general letters section, yet is of such great interest that we feel it should certainly be shared with our readers.

Dear Sir,

I was appalled by your recent column on the exploitation of midgets by the television networks. We at NAASP have labored long (if you'll excuse the expression) and hard to eliminate this type of prejudicial propaganda. We know that Fifth Column is one of the major shapers of public opinion in the nation today and it is indeed shameful to see it turned to such disgraceful ends.

Montigue Danforth, Chairman
National Association for the Advancement of Short People

Dear Fifth Column,

What I'd like to know is, where do you get all those great ideas for columns? The wellsprings of creativity evidenced by the skillful selection and execution of essays on such a diverse spectrum of subjects points to a creative imagination of the highest order.

I sure wish I could write real good like that.

William F. Buckley

Dear Fifth Column,

I've had a little experience in the column writing game myself. And as one of your colleagues, as it were, I'd just like to ask if you have any old material that didn't quite measure up to your high standards that I might be permitted to borrow?

Jack Anderson

Dear Fifth Column,

You should be ashamed of yourself! Just because you weren't able to think of a subject for a column right away, there is no excuse for making up such obviously phoney letters. You should just admit you never get any mail.

William F. Buckley and Jack Anderson no more wrote those last two letters than I wrote this one.

Art Buchwald

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Belles and Beaux schedules spring tours

Group plans audition for U.S.O.

The Belles and Beaux will audition for a chance to go on U.S.O. tours sometime in late January, according to Dr. Clifton Ganus III, director of the group.

"Competition will be tough," Ganus said. "U.S.O. is primarily looking for disco, rock, or country groups, none of which fits with the 'soft rock and easy listening' style of the Belles and Beaux," Ganus explained.

The Belles and Beaux have gone on U.S.O. tours for the past seven years. Last year, the tour included 45 different college shows to Europe, the Far East, the Caribbean, and the Near East.

The Belles and Beaux' program includes songs from artists such as the Carpenters, Olivia Newton John and Captain and Tennille. The program may also include the skit, "The Fatal Quest."

Two tours are already scheduled for next semester. The first will begin Feb. 25 and will include Benton, Texarkana, Texas, New Orleans and Houma, La. In Benton and Texarkana, the group will perform for A and G Cafeterias, who donated the van the group is traveling in this year. Also, the group will perform for the Arkansas Music Educators Association on February 18 in Pine Bluff,

Arkansas. The second tour starts March 24 and is planned to include Fort Smith, Wichita, and Oklahoma City.

The Belles and Beaux perform for two reasons: to give the students a chance to perform, and to publicize the school, according to Ganus.

Students performing in Belles and Beaux this year include Karla Rogers, Gayla Shipp, Barbara Wright, Mary Ann Cannon, Carol Curtis, Meta Grant, Rebecca Pauley, Chuck Archer, Lee Harris, Tim Holder, Tim Smith, B. K. Culpepper,

Brad Jackson, Craig Jones and Wayne Reed.

This semester the group performed during lectureships for the Alpha Chi induction, for the Extension Homemakers in this area, for the Black and Gold Banquet, for the Kiwanis Club Banquet, for the Farm Bureau in Hot Springs and for a group in Portsville, Mo.

This semester the Belles and Beaux are performing in new black and gold costumes. These are the first new costumes the group has had in two years.

An economist looks at America in 1776

Used by permission of Dr. Don Diffine, from *The Entrepreneur*, Oct., 1976.

The comforts most Americans enjoy today might make life in 1776 seem like hardship. Yet closer study shows that the colonists generally were a prosperous and contented people — already turning America into the "land of opportunity." In 1776, there were only 2.5 million Americans — excluding Indians — about the population of the Dallas-Fort Worth metropolitan area today.

We were a different kind of people in 1776. Nearly half the citizens were 15 or younger. Most people farmed the land for a living. Life was rigorous and tough. Work was a sun-up to sun-down regimen six days a week. Little wonder that the average male could look forward to only about 38 years of life, compared with almost 70 years today. For those who wanted it, there were two companies that sold life insurance; there are about 1,800 now.

Today's emancipated women would be horrified by the status of women in Revolutionary times. An eligible young maiden belonged to her father until she was wed. Then she became the chattel of her spouse, who was legally entitled to beat her if she disobeyed him. The average household was twice the size of today's.

Here are some other often-forgotten aspects of life 200 years ago:

Inflation. It was rampant during the war. By 1780 paper

money authorized by the Continental Congress was practically worthless and was replaced by a new currency at an exchange rate of 40 to 1. Hence the expression "not worth a continental."

Price and wage controls. The ceiling price on turkeys was 9 cents a pound, on milk 9 cents a gallon, on rum 63 cents a gallon. Lodging at local taverns was frozen at 5 cents a night. Two examples of typical wages were a maximum of 70 cents a day for carpenters, 42 cents a day for tailors. Barbers were prohibited from charging more than 3.5 cents for a shave. Top pay for a soldier or sailor was \$8 a month.

Education. Only one in 1,000 had completed college in 1776, compared with one in 12 today.

The economy. Average yearly income per person (measured in 1974 dollars) was \$634 in 1776. That's double the average yearly income in some Third World countries today! It's about \$5,600 now. And the gross national product (the value of all goods and services produced) came to 1.6 billion dollars 200 years ago, a tiny drop in the bucket compared with today's 1.6 trillion.

One aspect of daily living wasn't any cheaper in those days. It cost 10 cents to mail a letter, but that was good for delivery only within a radius of 100 miles. The fee rose to a maximum of 25 cents for a letter going 450 miles or more.

Dean announces Jan. 18 meeting for R. A. prospects

There will be an orientation and selection meeting Jan. 18 for students who would like to serve as resident assistants in the men's dorms during the 1977-78 school year.

The purpose of the meeting is to acquaint all prospective resident assistants with the job responsibilities, application and selection process, qualifications and benefits, according to Eddie R. Campbell, dean of men.

All men who are considering the job must attend the meeting, including those who are presently serving as R.A.'s, he said.

The meeting, which is scheduled for 6 p.m., will initiate the process of selection that will be completed and announced by March 1.

"The resident assistants are a very important front line factor in our housing system," Campbell commented. "I am proud of the quality of young men who serve in this respect and am amazed over the fact that through the years they continue to improve."

Qualifications for men and women R.A.'s include that they maintain at least a 2.5 GPA, be a junior or senior, and meet certain personal, social and emotional characteristics.



The library? What's that???

Junior Sylvia Pectol begins an afternoon of part-time work in the library, which has become a familiar place to many students lately who have been doing last-minute research for their term papers or spending extra time studying for final exams, which begin tomorrow.



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Orchestra Recital

Despite a dozen Harding orchestra members driving all night Saturday from the Harding-ACU game and a brief Sunday dress rehearsal, the orchestra's performance Sunday was "really good," according to Travis Cox, director. "I would like to express my thanks to the members for their performance under the unusual conditions, and especially thank James Dickerson, Linda Arnold, Laura Robinson and Anne Hamilton for their solos." Five members of the Arkansas Symphony Orchestra and some local talent also performed. Wilma Wellhauser, of the Arkansas Symphony, is shown above.

S.A. ends year with party

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of 4,000, if everyone gave 25 cents the goal could easily be reached. The effort helps to send orphan children to Camp Wyldewood for one session.

A slide presentation will be made in chapel a week prior to the game and on Feb. 2 queen nominees will be presented. Harding plays UCA at home, beginning at 7:30.

In other business, final plans

were set for tomorrow night's Christmas party. Beginning at 6, there will be Christmas caroling around the Lily Pool. At 7, the party will move inside the Main Auditorium to hear Santa Claus read the letters-to-Santa and for a concert by December graduate Kathy Curtis and her band. At 8:30 the movie "Scrooge" will be shown free. Doughnuts and hot chocolate will be served in Patti Cobb.

Luck changes for Rhonda Wallace

Coed wins organ in random draw

How many times have you entered a contest when you really thought that there was not the slightest chance that you might win? How many times have you filled out that little ticket with your name and address, dropped it into a box, and walked away thinking, "wouldn't it be great if they would draw my name — but they won't."

Everyone has probably entered a contest sometime hoping to be the owner of a new car, a color t.v., a C.B. radio or maybe even a pizza. But how many of us ever really have our names drawn?

And that's what freshman Rhonda Wallace thought when

she just happened to be in Magnolia, Ark. for the Bison football game. While at Colonel Sander's, she noticed the contest and decided to enter. She thought no more about her entry.

According to Rhonda, she had never won much of anything in her life, so she did not think that there was much chance her luck would change.

The drawing, sponsored by the Magnolia radio station, was offering a \$2,000 Campbell electric chord organ as the prize.

Wednesday, November 24, Rhonda received a phone call from the Magnolia disc jockey

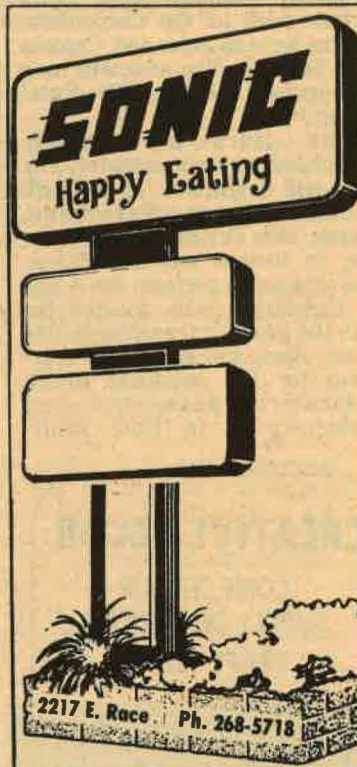
informing her that she had won.

Thus a brand new \$2,000 Campbell organ was delivered to Rhonda's home in Star City, Ark.

The only problem now is that no one in the Wallace family can play the organ.

When asked what she will do with the organ, Rhonda said "At first I thought about selling it, but when I saw it, I liked it — so now I think I'll learn to play it."

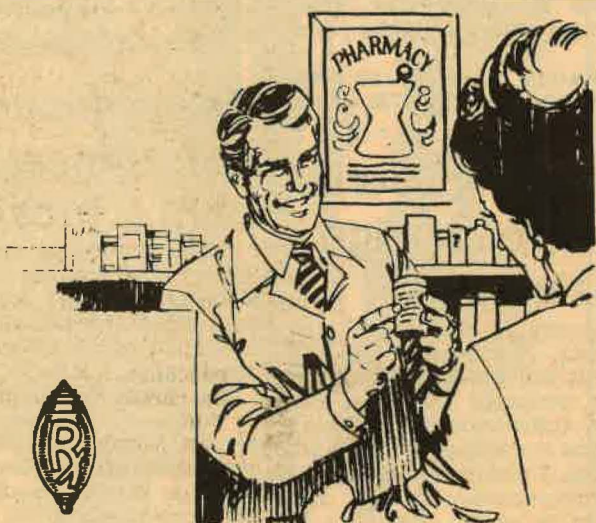
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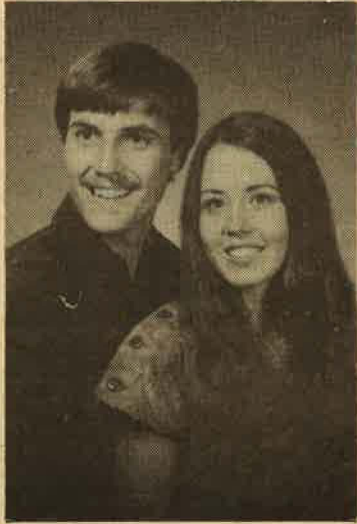
Couples announce approaching weddings



Miss Prince and Mr. Wrye

Miss Prince—Mr. Wrye

Mr. and Mrs. George T. Prince of Salinas, Calif. announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Joyce Elizabeth Prince, to Jon



Miss Blackwell and Mr. Wheeler

Mark Wrye, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul H. Wrye of Ruidoso, N.M. Miss Prince is a junior elementary education major and a member of Shantih social club. Mr. Wrye, a junior majoring in mass communications, is the secretary of TNT social club, and



Miss Blank and Mr. Medford

works part-time for KWCK-KSER radio in Searcy.

All friends are invited to attend the wedding at the Church of Christ in Salinas, Ca. Dec. 28.

The couple plans to return to Harding in the spring school, where they will reside at 600 E. Market St., Apt. 4.



Miss West and Mr. Cameron

is the son of Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Wheeler of Norman, Okla.

Vows will be exchanged at 2 p.m. in the recording studio in the music building.

The couple will reside at 609 N. Locust St. and plan to move to South Dakota to do mission work upon Mr. Wheeler's graduation from the CCP next August.

They invite their friends to attend the wedding next Saturday.

Miss Blank—Mr. Medford

Mr. and Mrs. Homer H. Blank of Oxnard have announced the engagement of their daughter, Pamela Sue, to Keith Gregory Medford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis A. Medford of Houston, Tex.

The wedding date has been set for Dec. 30 at the Church of Christ



Miss Wallace

in Oxnard.

Miss Blank graduated from Hueneme High School in 1972. She is a 1975 graduate of Ventura College with an associate degree in nursing. She is now attending Harding where she will receive her B.S. degree in nursing in June.

Medford is a 1973 graduate of Jess H. Jones High School in Houston. He attended the University of Houston and transferred to Harding College, where he will receive his B.A. degree in journalism in December.

Miss West—Mr. Cameron

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard J. West of Jefferson City, Mo. announce the engagement of their daughter, Julie West, to Kenny Cameron, the son of Mr. and Mrs. James G. Cameron of Shreveport, La.

Miss West is a senior accounting major and is active as president of Kappa Phi social club, a member of the inter-club council, Alpha Chi and the American Studies Program.

Mr. Cameron is a senior psychology and Bible major. He is involved in Knights social club and big brothers. He also was elected as a member of Alpha Chi, Psi Chi and Who's Who among American Colleges and Universities.

The wedding will take place in Jefferson City January 2. They will live at 511 W. Arch in Searcy.

Miss Wallace—Mr. Smith

Mr. and Mrs. Lambert Wallace of Star City announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Madonna Ann, to Jefferson Foster Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Smith of Calhoun, Ga.

The bride-elect is a senior home economics major, a member of GATA social club and is Sub T-16 men's club queen.

Mr. Smith is a senior physical education major, a member of the varsity football team and Sub T-16.

All friends of the couple are invited to attend the wedding at 6 p.m., Dec. 18 at the College Church of Christ.

We'd like to do business with you.

Congratulations to the Harding Bisons and the Academy Wildcats for their football successes this year.



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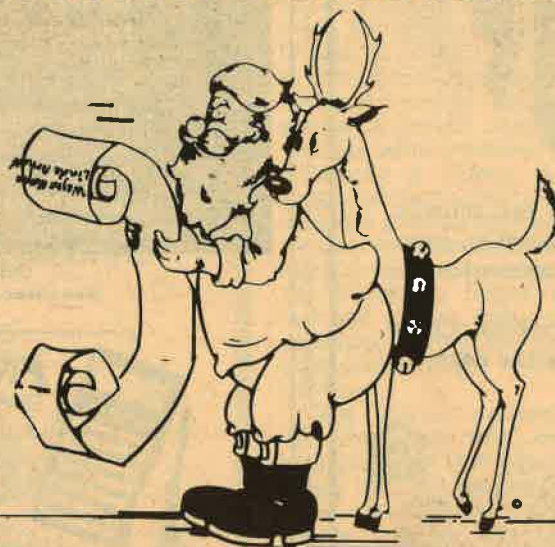
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Bison track captures second

by Larry Nossaman

A two-mile dual between Marshall Grate and Coleman of the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff highlighted the Harding Indoor Open Track meet last Saturday.

Marshall beat Coleman by only .4 of a second in the time of 9:34.8. Coach Ted Lloyd said that the two-mile runners stayed bunched in a pack for about the first mile.

"After that, the field spread out behind Marshall and Coleman," with Marshall pulling away near the finish line.

Harding, with 54 points, placed second behind Ouachita, with 60, in the total team standings. UAPB and UAM placed third and fourth in the nine-team meet with 49 and 33 points.

In other events, Steve Flatt won the shot put with a heave of 47'5 3/4. Bruce Gaither leaped 6' to win the high jump.

Joe Shepherd won the 880-yard run in the time of 2:06.15.

The mile and two-mile relay team each grabbed second place finishes with times of 3:35.4 and 8:12.2. Alan Grimes also finished second in the 600-yard run in 1:17.3.

Coach Lloyd said that he was pleased with the overall performance of the team this early in the season. "This was just a preliminary warm-up meet to give the guys a chance to compete," he said.

Five tentative meets are presently scheduled before the Nationals at Kansas City, February 25-6.

Ouachita	60
Harding	54
UAPB	49
UAM	33
HSU	19
UCA	15
SWCC	11
PSC	2
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Five place on All-AIC squad

by Larry Nossaman

Defensive end Adrian Hickman heads a list of five Harding seniors that have been named to the All-AIC football team according to official conference reports.

Along with Hickman, who was one of only two unanimous choices, are quarterback Jeff Smith, tailback Joe David Smith, offensive tackle Mike Black and defensive back Randy Tribble.

Jeff Smith led the individual passing and total offense categories in the final AIC statistics. He attempted 223 passes, completing 117 and having 18 intercepted for a completion percentage of 52.45. He threw for 1589 yards and nine touchdowns. He also led the total offense statistics with 1655 yards.

Joe David Smith led the league in three individual statistics: rushing, as he ran for 960 yards and eight touchdowns, on 200 carries for an average of 4.8 yards per carry, pass receiving with 41 catches for 562 yards and four touchdowns, and scoring, with 12 touchdowns and a total of 72 points scored. He was also second in total offense with 1011 yards.

Others present in the final statistics include Allen Grieb, who was fourth in total rushing with 701 yards and sixth in total offense. Eric Whitley and Bob Winston were fourth and fifth in receiving yardage. Randy Tribble and Robert Akins finished third and fourth in the interception category. Each had five steals, but Tribble ran back for 76 yards and Akins ran for 70. Randy Jones ended the season with a 37.4 yard punting average, good for second place in that category. Dave Skelton kicked 19 conversions and eight field-goals for 43 total points and fifth spot in the scoring column.

Three seniors to lead tankmen

The 1976 graduation hit this year's swim team hard, as only three seniors will lead a 37-member squad in search of a second straight AIC title, according to water buffalo Coach Arnold Pylkas.

"There will be a very close margin (for the championship) this year. The 53 point margin (of last year) will not be there. The team that wins will win by 10 points," he predicted.

Diving will not be the Buffaloes strong event as four-time AIC champion Mark Trotter graduated. Pylkas is building a nucleus around sophomore Brad Watson, Rick Blevins and Jim Ericson, who has the potential to qualify for the 1977 national championships. Jay Trotter is expected to provide help next semester.

Captain Dale Linge, whom Pylkas termed as "very versatile," is expected to provide strength in the 1,000-yd. freestyle, the 500-yd. freestyle and the 200-yd. butterfly, although a girl swimmer from Hendrix is expected to give him competition in the 1,000-yd. event.

Pylkas also looks to versatile sophomores Steve North, who was Harding's high point man in the last two meets, and Scott Smith and freshman Tim Boyd for additional support.

Co-captain Wendell Cave and last year's freshman sensation Norman Kahla, who will return to school next semester, are potential candidates to compete in the national championships, according to Pylkas.

Kahla, who comes from a strong high school background in Dear Park, Texas, should lead in the 1,500-yd. freestyle and in other distance events.

Pylkas said it was ironic how the team had changed from the speed it had last year, to the depth in the distance events it has this year.

The times turned in the this year have been a surprise and an encouragement for the team. According to Pylkas, the times are close to if not equal to the times turned in at the championship meet last February. Hendrix, with a ten-year reign as the champion, holds most AIC records.

The Water Buffaloes have two practices, morning and evening, and Pylkas builds his team around a core of veterans — individuals "consistently dedicated to wanting to swim."

"It provides a constant challenge between freshmen and seniors," he said.

Pylkas stresses conditioning proficiency and efficiency.

The Water Buffaloes will face a dual meet at home January 23 with Hendrix and UCA, the two potential contenders for the AIC crown. On the 28th the team will travel to Austin College for another meet.

February will see the swimmers tackle SAU at home on the fourth, Arkansas Tech and Hendrix at Hendrix on the fifth, Henderson State at Harding on the ninth, and then a combined meet at Henderson with Ouachita and Arkansas Tech. AIC championships will be held February 18-19 at Hendrix in Conway.

The Buffaloes lost a dual meet last weekend to UALR and Southwest Missouri, 87-21 and 63-37.



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Bison cagers to rely on board strength in 76-77

by Jim Warren

Led by All-American forward Butch Gardner, the Harding College Bisons will field their most physical basketball team ever in quest for the AIC crown in 1976 according to head coach Jess Bucy.

"We are a more physical team right now than we have had since I have been here," he said in an interview Tuesday.

"This is the first time since I've been there that we can match all the other teams in the conference on the boards," Bucy continued.

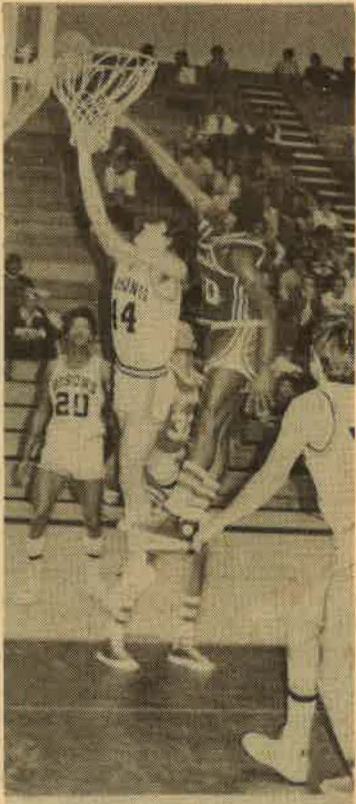
Heading the list of big men for the Bisons is Gardner, a 6-4 senior from Searcy, Twice named NAIA All-American, he comes into the season as the all-time leading scorer for Harding with 1750 points. In addition he lead the AIC in scoring last year with a 23.2 point scoring average.

Other frontliners which make Bucy optimistic are 6-6 junior letterman James "Slim" Winston and junior college transfer David Baker (6-8). Winston was honorable mention All-AIC last year while finishing second in the league in rebounds averaging 10.5 caroms a game. Baker is scoring at a 11.5 point clip, hitting 63 per cent of his shots after the first six games and giving the Bisons much needed muscle on the boards.

"David Baker has come on so rapidly in the last few weeks that now he has moved into the starting lineup," Bucy said.

One key to this year's team, according to Bucy, will be the rebounding of Bison guards Jerry Morgan (6-3) and Stanley Eckwood (6-4).

"We have some good rebounders," he said, "but, our guards are getting almost as



Bison Guard Monte Hazelbaker throws a shot up in the lane amidst several Ozark defenders.

many as they (the frontline) are."

"It is not just one or two people — we have a flock of people crashing the boards," he continued.

In reserve, the Bisons will be counting heavily on the services of 6-3 guard Monte Hazelbaker, 6-5 forward Bruce Binkley and 6-7 center Jim Speer.

"I really don't like to use the term starting lineup," Bucy cautioned, "We have a great deal

of confidence in seven or eight players right now and in my opinion a team needs at least seven or eight healthy basketball players."

Hazelbaker, a sophomore, is currently scoring at a 7.8 per game average with Speer (a junior) averaging 3.4. Binkley, a freshman honorable mention all-stater from Oklahoma, is averaging 3.5 points a game.

One weak spot this year was expected to be the graduation of star playmaker Tony Sneed, who led the AIC in assists last season with 187. Instead, it has afforded an opportunity to show off the ball handling talents of a number of other players, according to Bucy.

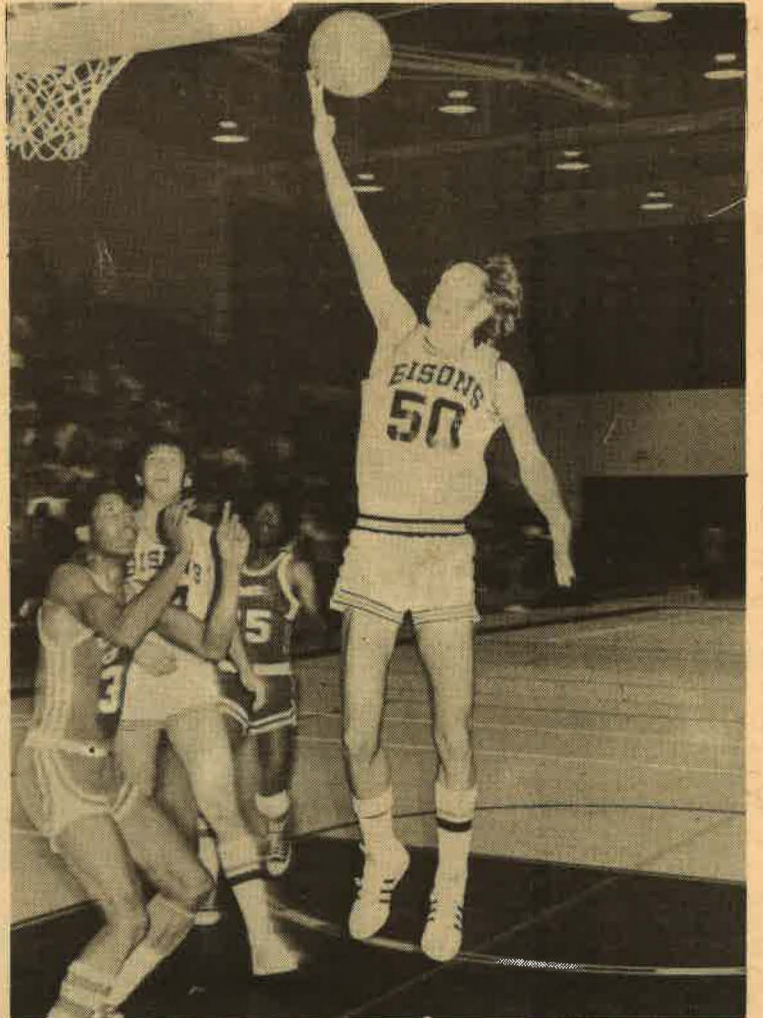
"We have a different type team than we had last year," said Bucy. "As far as taking Tony's place, we don't have the key point man anymore. We have to now put the responsibility on a number of people."

Overall, Bucy is optimistic about the Bisons chances against AIC competition, but notes improvement in virtually every conference opponent this year.

"Our team has improved — there's not any question in my mind," he said.

"Excluding our team, you have to go with those big three (Henderson, Ouachita Baptist and Southern State)," Bucy continued, "but realistically, there's as many as eight teams that could have a championship team."

Bucy noted Arkansas College's one point upset of Ouachita Tuesday night and Arkansas Tech's 75-55 upset of Jackson State (the number two team in the NAIA in one poll) earlier in the year as examples of the conferences depth.



Senior forward Craig Reid drives for a layup attempt in Tuesday night's 95-71 Bison victory over College of the Ozarks.

Bisons blast Ozark 95-71

Utilizing 22 points by All-American forward Butch Gardner, Harding College jumped to a 24 point halftime advantage and coasted to a 95-71 victory over College of the Ozarks here Tuesday night.

Throughout the game, the Bisons used their superior height to dominate, pulling down 63 rebounds and hitting 55 per cent of their shots, mostly from the side.

Gardner led the Bisons with 31 points, hitting on 13 of 21 from the field and five of ten from the free throw line. Senior Jerry Morgan was next with 18 followed by Jim Speer and David Baker with 13 points apiece. Guard Ernest Frazier led Ozarks with 20 markers.

The Bisons are now 1-1 in conference play and 4-2 overall. College of the Ozarks falls to 0-2 in the conference and 2-6 overall.

Prock named top coach In District 17 football

For the third time, Harding College Football Coach John Prock has been named NAIA District 17 Coach of the Year.

Prock led the Bisons to a share of the AIC crown by defeating top ranked teams such as Henderson State, Ouachita and University of Central Arkansas.

For winning the AIC, the Bisons played in the San Jacinto Shrine Bowl in Pasadena, Texas against Abilene Christian University.

Prock said, "I think that it should be Coaches of the Year since it was a joint effort by all. We have an outstanding staff and I can't give enough praise to them."

"The seniors were also a great asset to the team," Prock said. "They never gave up and they really mean a lot to me."

Prock won the award in 1969 and 1972 when the Bisons played in the Cowboy Bowl of that year. The award is voted on by the coaches in the district.

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ACU Wildcats escape Bisons

by Buzz Ball
The Harding College Football Bisons went into the San Jacinto Shrine Bowl as the underdog and came out with a defeat but scores can be deceiving.

The Abilene Christian University Wildcats passed their way to a 22-12 victory over the Bisons. Signal-caller Jim Reese was 26-36 for 311 yards. Scott Mayes was 2-6 for 67 yards to bring the total to 378.

But the Bisons' defense was awesome as the front line would not let any runners through. Led by All-AIC Adrion Hickmon, the Bisons sacked the Abilene quarterbacks several times.

The Bisons, who were the top offensive team in the AIC, netted only 108 yards on the ground due to the staunch Wildcat defense. In the air, the Bisons completed 13-34 for 130 yards.

Both teams started off like gangbusters as they both scored on their first possessions.

Abilene received the ball on their own 43 after Harding kicked off. In 11 plays, Reese passed the Wildcats to the Harding one. Humpert Pickett bulled over the line for the first score of the game with 10:27 left in the first quarter. Ove Johansson, the world record field goal kicker, missed the PAT making the score 6-0.

The Bisons got the ball on their own 28. In nine plays, the Bisons had the ball on the Abilene four. Jeff Smith pitched out to J.D. Smith who scampered around the right end for the score. Robert Skelton missed the PAT to make the score 6-6 with 6:48 left in the first period.

The Wildcats got the ball after recovering a Bison fumble on the Harding 18. After moving the ball to the one, Pickett once again powered his way over the line to paydirt with :37 left in the first quarter. The two point conversion failed, making the score 12-6.

In the second quarter, Adrion Hickmon recovered a Wildcat fumble on the Abilene two. Jeff Smith then tore up the middle for the TD with 13:07 left in the half. The PAT failed making the score 12-12.

Abilene got tough after that. The Wildcats took the ball on the Harding 31 with 7:11 left in the second period. The Bison defense stood firm and the Wildcats had to settle for a field goal from 42 yards out by Johansson to make the score 15-12.

Harding took over but could not move the ball and had to punt giving the ball to the Wildcats on their own 42.

In seven plays, the Wildcats had the ball on the Harding 11. Reese then fired a pass to Johnny Perkins for the final score of the

afternoon. The PAT was good making the score 22-12.

The second half did not have any scoring due to the tough, staunch defense put up by both teams.

Bison Coach John Prock said, "We are just real proud of the effort that our men put out. They kept their poise at all times and did an outstanding job."

"We were plagued with the fact that Abilene had extremely fast receivers," Prock said. "In the second half, we were hoping to get out of the hole so that we could score but they had a good strong defense."

Concerning the senior Bison members, Prock commented, "They were the secret to our

season. I just can't say enough about them. Their leadership was just fantastic and they kept their poise at all times."

Team Statistics

	Harding	ACU
points scored	12	22
first downs	14	26
rushing	29-108	23-89
passing	13-34-2	28-42-2
passing yards	130	378
total yards	238	467
punts	8-32.6	4-22.8
fumbles lost	2	2
penalties	7-83	7-57

	1	2	3	4	final
ACU	12	10	0	0	22
Harding	6	6	0	0	12



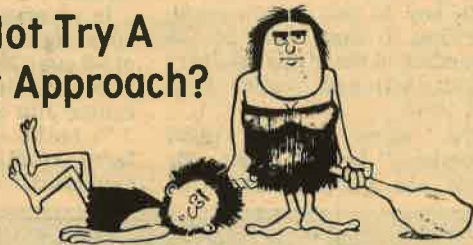
Up for grabs

Bison defensive end Gary Brown demolishes Jim Reese (14, ACU) as the ball is fumbled into the air.



ACU quarterback Jim Reese gets off an unorthodox left-handed pass before being sacked by Bisons Gary Brown (55) and Robert Bridges (on ground).

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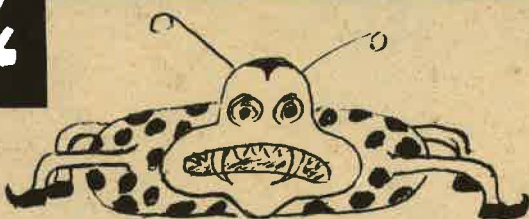
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